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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2022-14 (Expanded Eligibility for the Army Survivor Outreach Services Program)

- 1. References. See enclosure.
- 2. Purpose. This directive expands eligibility for the Army Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) program conducted pursuant to referenced statutes and regulations. Where a conflict exists between its provisions and applicable Army directives and regulations, this directive takes precedence.
- 3. Applicability. This directive applies to the Regular Army (RA) and Reserve components (RCs), which include the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States and U.S. Army Reserve.
- 4. Policy.
- a. Effective immediately, Army Directive 2021-01 (Army Survivor Outreach Services Program) paragraphs 7a and 7b are revised to expand eligibility for SOS long-term case management to include the following—
- (1) survivors recorded as dependents in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), including the surviving dependents of an RA or RC sponsor
 - (2) survivors not recorded as dependents in DEERS, including:
 - (a) parents (RA or RC next of kin)
 - (b) adult children (RA or RC next of kin)
 - (c) siblings (RA or RC next of kin)
 - (d) legal guardians of dependents eligible in paragraph 4a of this directive
- b. Eligibility for SOS long-term case management will not confer on recipients any additional rights, benefits, or services not otherwise provided for under law.

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- 5. Proponent. The proponent for this policy is the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9 will revise Army Regulation 608–1 to incorporate the applicable provisions of this directive within 2 years of the date of this directive.
- 6. Duration. This directive is rescinded on publication of the revised regulation.

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REFERENCES

- a. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, Public Law 109-163, section 562, 119 Statute 3267–3268
- b. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, Public Law 113-66, section 633, 127 Statute 786
- c. Privacy Act of 1974, as amended; Title 5, United States Code, section 552a (5 U.S.C. 552a)
- d. 10 U.S.C. 1475 (Death gratuity: death of members on active duty or inactive duty training and of certain other persons)
- e. 10 U.S.C. 1477 (Death gratuity: eligible survivors)
- f. 37 U.S.C. 481f (Travel and transportation allowances: transportation for survivors of deceased member to attend member's burial ceremonies; transportation for survivors of member dying overseas to attend transfer ceremonies)
- g. DoD Instruction 1300.18 (Department of Defense (DoD) Personnel Casualty Matters, Policies, and Procedures), 8 January 2008, incorporating Change 1, 14 August 2009
- h. DoD Instruction 1342.22 (Military Family Readiness), 5 August 2021
- i. DoD Manual 1000.13, Volume 2 (DoD Identification (ID) Cards: Benefits for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals), 23 January 2014, incorporating Change 1, effective 5 August 2020
- j. Army Directive 2021-01 (Army Survivor Outreach Services Program),7 January 2021 (superseded, in part)
- k. Army Regulation 600–20 (Army Command Policy), 24 July 2020
- Army Regulation 608–1 (Army Community Service), 19 October 2017
- m. Army Regulation 638–8 (Army Casualty Program), 7 June 2019